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1. WE APPRECIATE GUIDANCE IN REF A ON POSSIBLE COUNCIL DISCUSSION WITH OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS IN COMING MONTHS. WE WILL FOLLOW-UP AS INSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT A NAC MEETING ON CSCE IN APRIL AND TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF A NAC MEETING ON LOS FOLLOWING THE EVENSEN MEETING IN GENEVA FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 11.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST, IN ADDITION, THAT THE DEPARTMENT GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A NAC MEETING WITH OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE PRIOR TO THE MAY MINISTERIAL. IN LIGHT OF AMBASSADOR TINE'S COMMENTS DURING THE VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH THE COUNCIL (REF B), THE FRENCH MIGHT RESPOND POSITIVELY TO A SUGGESTION FOR A MEETING ON IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE OF RECENT FERMENT IN EASTERN EUROPE. WE BELIEVE OTHER ALLIES WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY FOR A BROAD EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THIS MATTER SOMETIME THIS SPRING.

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3. IN LIGHT OF THE JANUARY 25 WHITE HOUSE PRESS RELEASE REGARDING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST IN MID-FEBRUARY, WE WISH TO SUGGEST CONSIDERATION AS WELL OF A BRIEFING FOR THE NAC ON THIS TRIP. WHILE ALLIES WOULD NOT EXPECT A COMPLETE READOUT ON SENSITIVE ASPECTS OF MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS, THEY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED IN GENERAL TERMS ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS AND VIEWS FOLLOWING HIS TRIP. ACCORDINGLY, WE SUGGEST ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON OR ANOTHER OFFICIAL WHO ACCOMPANIES THE SECRETARY PLAN,

WHEN RETURNING FROM THE MIDDLE EAST, TO STOP OFF AT
NATO TO BRIEF THE COUNCIL.
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